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office.

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A new and splendid line of goods,  
which I am selling at the very  
lowest figures. When you need any-  
thing in his line give him a call.  
First door north of Robinson & Ster-  
ett's hardware store.

ONLY one hundred and nine addi-  
tions have been made to Kansas City  
since January 1st.

KANSAS has now but five unorgan-  
ized counties, viz: Logan, Greely,  
Grant, Kearney and Wallace.

THE crop of reunions for this fall is  
immense—almost as large and luxur-  
iant as the crop of candidates.

THE syrup works at Sterling have  
commenced work and will be kept run-  
ning as long as the sorghum lasts.

A GOLD deposit is said to have been  
found but a few miles from Wheeling,  
W. Va. The rock is said to show ten  
ounces to the ton.

GENERAL BLACK says that if the  
G. A. R. attempts to pursue a partisan  
course its power will be lost to it for  
ever, and the very foundation of its  
principles will be shaken.

DR. PORTER, of Sterling, is adver-  
tising for "wood choppers." He  
says his timber is too thick and he  
wants to thin it out. This sounds  
rather queer from the heart of the  
"great American desert."

THERE is a wonderful attraction  
about the little village north of us  
about now. Every day excursions,  
consisting of buggy loads of gentle-  
men, mostly candidates, can be seen  
pulling out for Hoisington. Verily,  
the fun has commenced.

A SALT vein 100 feet thick is the  
freshest thing for Kansas. It is re-  
ported as having been found at Ells-  
worth. It is pure, rock salt, as fine as  
any in the world, and if there is no  
"razzoo" about the reported find, it  
will be a good thing for Ellsworth.

THE opening of the Kansas City Ex-  
position was to have occurred on the  
15th inst., but by request of a large  
number of exhibitors who wished to  
attend other fairs and could not make  
ready for the Kansas City Exposition,  
it was postponed until the 26th of  
September.

OFFICIAL notice has been received  
at the land offices that hereafter par-  
ties desiring to make final proof in  
timber culture cases will be required  
to file a notice of their intention with  
the Register of the proper district land  
office, and the same shall be published  
in the same manner as in homestead  
and pre-emption cases.

THE new opera house that fell at  
Wichita the other day will not be re-  
built at present. The man who is erect-  
ing it has all his capital in real estate,  
and it is his impossibility to borrow  
money on real estate in Wichita now.  
This fact is momentous. Other towns  
which have not had such cases of booms  
can get real estate loans on city prop-  
erty.

THE drive well royalty collector will  
soon be abroad in the land again. He  
is now reported as far west as Indiana,  
and is demanding that the farmer go  
down into his jeans and rake up \$10  
to pay to Wm. D. Andrew & Co., of  
New York, as a royalty on each point  
used. Rails are scarce in this country,  
but a two-by-four would do as well, and  
a coat of tar and feathers might fit  
this kind of cattle pretty well if they  
come out this way.

GREAT BEND is now being put be-  
fore the world at large in a better  
shape than she has been advertised  
heretofore. The handsome maps of  
the county and city and the complete  
map of the State, showing all our  
many geographical advantages and con-  
cise write up of our resources, our  
progress in the past and our future im-  
portance, are being distributed. Let  
us all work together and the general  
result that will follow will be great  
and glorious.

ALTHOUGH "Some flowers of Eden  
we still inherit, the trail of the serpent  
is over them all." In the summer  
month just past we have had two or-  
ganizations which have commanded  
deep interest from our citizens. We  
speak of the citizens band and the base-  
ball association. May the little clouds  
which are now overshadowing these two  
organizations be swept away by the  
breeze of prosperity, and may they  
shine and echo forth once more in all  
their pleasurable attractiveness.

THE Wichita Beacon does not paint  
a very glowing picture of the jail at  
that place. There seems to be good  
use for it, though, and, from all out-  
side accounts, the majority of the  
criminals therein incarcerated are fully  
deserving of a little shel. The Bea-  
con says:

"Just think of seventy-seven human  
beings compelled to pass through the  
tortures of a living death in this hor-  
rible 'Black Hole of Calcutta,' which  
even surpasses the horrors of Libby  
prison or Dante's description of the  
seventh degree of purgatorial punish-  
ment. And yet all this goes on in a  
city noted for its high steeples and its  
humanitarians."

"WHAT are the wild winds saying,  
sister?" Stand in with the coal dealer.

IT has been said that politics and  
religion will not mix. This probably  
accounts for the slim attendance at our  
churches since the pot has begun to  
boil.

POLK KLINE, of Larned, is after the  
scalp of John Hargrave, of Rush coun-  
ty, and from the way Polk spreads him-  
self on paper we rather look for blood  
to flow.

SOME men are born great, others  
achieve greatness, but the vast major-  
ity monkey along until the conventions  
have met and then manage to dodge  
greatness altogether.

THE citizens of Horace, Greely coun-  
ty, have found it necessary to organize  
a law and order society for the purpose  
of suppressing acts of lawlessness in  
their midst which the properly author-  
ized officers cannot handle.

AT LAWRENCEBURG Indiana, on  
the 7th instant, a vein or deposit of gas  
was struck at a depth of 260 feet which  
promises fair to be of inestimable value  
to that city. The gas is said to flow at  
the rate of 3,000,000 feet per day, and  
is of excellent quality. It cost them  
just \$400 to go down 260 feet, and al-  
ready the increase in the value of real  
estate is most wonderful.

EVEN yet is their trouble in Egypt.  
A Glasgow, Ky., exchange of the 7th  
inst. says:

Unless it rains within the next few  
weeks, water will be worth about as  
much, on the market as lager beer.  
Nearly all the springs and wells are  
failing and water for household use is  
now scarce in Glasgow. Even the big  
spring is failing and unless there is  
rain soon our water works will be as  
useless as a fish-hook in the great de-  
sert of Sahara.

## A True Saying.

The saying that "there is no loss  
without some small gain" is again ver-  
ified in Kansas, as usual. Following  
close upon the heels of a hot, drouthy  
summer, with only an average crop of  
anything, we have just had good, soak-  
ing rains, accompanied with cool, dark  
weather, which has placed the ground  
in better condition for fall plowing and  
seeding than it has been at any time  
since the fall of '74. Not only has the  
soil been thoroughly moist, but the  
cool weather has effectually put a qui-  
etus upon the chinch-bug crop, killing  
them outright, and if we were a  
farmer, we would prepare for a large  
crop of wheat the coming year. While  
it is true that our farmers have had  
cause to be a little discouraged, yet  
they have much to be thankful for.  
Crops are not near so poor as at first  
supposed, and the prospects for next  
year are very flattering.—Lyons Demo-  
crat.

## Unjust Freight Rates.

We desire here to call the attention  
of the Santa Fe officials to what seems  
to us to be an unjust discrimination  
against this section of the State in the  
matter of freight rates against corn.  
To illustrate, we will take the rates  
between Kansas City, Sterling, Kinsley  
and Dodge City. The rate between  
Kansas City and Kinsley, a distance of  
331 miles, is 15 cents per hundred  
pounds; and between Sterling and  
Kinsley, a distance of only 79 miles,  
the rate is 12 cents, a difference of  
3 cents per hundred; between Kansas  
City and Dodge City, a distance of 367  
miles, the rate is 19 cents, while be-  
tween Sterling and Dodge City, a dis-  
tance of 115 (less than one-third the  
distance between Kansas City and  
Dodge), the rate is 15 cents, or only 4  
cents less than between the latter  
points, and the same as between Kan-  
sas City and Kinsley, of twice the dis-  
tance. A fair adjustment of rates be-  
tween Sterling and Kinsley or Dodge  
City, proportioned to the rate between  
Kansas City and those places, would  
increase the value of every bushel of  
corn in this section of country not less  
than 5 cents per bushel, without any  
additional cost to the consumers in the  
western part of the State.—Sterling  
Bulletin.

## Rye for Pasture.

We would remind our readers again  
of the wisdom of securing as much  
stock food for the winter as possible.  
Few ever make the mistake of provid-  
ing more than they can dispose of to  
advantage in some way, while thou-  
sands are always short of hay or grain  
long before grass comes again, no mat-  
ter how abundant and cheap crops are  
in the fall.

While our farmers have been blessed  
with crops, and have raised more than  
enough to carry their stock through the  
winter in good shape, if all is properly  
saved, there will be a demand for all  
the hay, fodder and grain grown in the  
State, and all that has been produced  
should be saved.

Besides saving all that has been  
raised, any other means to help out the  
supply should be taken advantage of.  
One of the best is to sow rye for fall,

winter and spring pasture. This can  
be sown in the cornfields before the  
corn is cut up, if the ground is in good  
condition, and the sooner the better,  
though the sowing can be done at any  
time up to the middle or last of Octo-  
ber. The later sow will not, however,  
afford the fall and winter pasture that  
the earlier will. Sown early on good  
land, rye will afford a surprising  
amount of pasturage until the ground  
is covered with snow, and as soon as  
the snow is gone in the spring, it will  
start and in a short time give good  
feeding.—Rural World.

## Something More for Printers' Ink and Kansas.

On our paper laden desk to-day was  
laid by a kind hand we are sure, that  
of Mrs. Van Dorstan, living six or  
seven miles northeast of Lyons, a  
handsome hatful of apples and  
peaches, home grown in Rice County!!  
in drouthy Kansas!!! where, as the liar  
Givens, of Iowa, said, there would not  
be 1,000 bushels of corn in seventeen  
counties. We are not well enough  
versed in the different varieties to  
name them, but they are really fine,  
and while perhaps not so large as Cali-  
fornia fruit, was far more delicious in  
flavor, and will be preserved as one  
good evidence among a thousand more  
we can produce, that gives the lie di-  
rect to all the Givenses, of Iowa, and  
Rupes, of Missouri, and the rest of the  
howling pack that would attempt to  
tear down Kansas, the brightest of  
commonwealths. Though rainless,  
treeless, verdureless, blown about by  
the so-called simoons, choked with  
dust, and far from market, life in Kan-  
sas will bring to all happiness and  
plenty, and make millionaires of those  
who are not disposed to find fault with  
a Providence that has blessed Kansas  
a thousand fold above either Iowa, Ill-  
inois, Indiana, Ohio or Wisconsin this  
year.—Lyons Democrat.

## Privileges for Sale.

Parties wishing to secure rights to  
establish refreshment, cigar or lemon-  
ade stands, or other specialties, on the  
Fair Grounds at Great Bend for the  
4th, 5th and 6th of October, can en-  
gage the same by applying to the sec-  
retary, Geo. Miltimore, at any time  
between now and the opening of the  
fair.

## The Boss Peaches.

The appetite of ye editor was  
sharpened, his eyes were made to  
glisten and his heart to bound with  
joy early this morning by the appear-  
ance on our table of samples of the finest  
Barton County peaches we have ever  
seen. They were raised on the J. B.  
Roberts place just south and east of  
the Walnut Creek Mills. The largest  
one measures 9 1/2 inches in circumfer-  
ence and the next largest one, 9 1/4  
inches. Mr. Roberts has our thanks  
the luscious fruit.

## A Romantic Quartette.

Last Thursday Judge Ogle married  
four young people in the grove east of  
town, the names of the contracting  
parties being George Clark, of King-  
man County, to Anna Shoemaker,  
and Jacob Leighter, also of King-  
man County, to Hannah Shoemaker,  
the ladies both being residents of this  
city. The gentlemen were on their  
way to their claims in Kingman and  
had good outfits of teams, wagons,  
tents, etc. The ceremony was per-  
formed under the blue canopy of  
Heaven, by the flickering camp fire,  
while the gentle south winds whis-  
pered through the trees where the  
little birds had tucked their heads be-  
neath their wings and gone to sleep.  
The blushing brides were arrayed in  
purest white, while the bridegrooms  
were dressed in every day attire.

## SUICIDE.

Last Friday evening at 1 o'clock oc-  
curred the most deliberate and sad case  
of suicide ever committed in this coun-  
ty. The victim was Dr. E. W. Hawk-  
ins, a most exemplary man about thirty  
years of age who deliberately shot  
himself with a 32 calibre pistol while  
laying in bed with his wife and child  
at the residence of his father-in-law,  
Mr. W. F. Pitzer. Medical aid was im-  
mediately summoned but it was of no  
avail. Lying on the bed weltering in  
his own blood the doctors found him  
with a bullet hole in his right temple,  
struggling in intense agony, but un-  
conscious. The bullet had ploughed  
through the poor fellow's brain and it  
was but a short time 'til life was ex-  
tinct.

What ever led this man to commit

the rash deed will probably always re-  
main a mystery. His family relations  
were of the most pleasant nature. In  
financial matters he had been to a cer-  
tain extent unfortunate and to this  
alone can be attributed the cause for  
the act.

Mr. Hawkins recently moved to this  
place from Birmingham, Ala., and ex-  
pected to locate here and practice his  
profession.

He leaves a wife and child who have  
the heartfelt sympathy of the entire  
community in their sad and almost un-  
bearable bereavement.

The funeral services were conducted  
from the residence of W. F. Pitzer by  
Rev. Watson and the remains were  
followed to their final resting place in  
the cemetery by a large concourse of  
sympathizing relatives and friends.—  
Pratt Register.

## CHIT CHAT.

On show day the post office at Con-  
cordia was robbed of \$1,700 and the  
postmaster feels worse than if the big  
elephant had stepped on him.

The Medicine Lodge Index says that  
one-fourth of the residents of Barber  
county are from Missouri, and one-  
third of the property holders are Mis-  
sourians.

Sam Bass and Bethel Allen, notori-  
ous horse thieves, who escaped from  
the Sumner county jail at Wellington,  
recently, have been captured at Fort  
Scott and returned to Wellington.

"Tell it not in Gath; proclaim it not  
in Askelon, that Topeka, the proud  
capital city of this grand commonwealth  
of Kansas, is to be lighted with gaso-  
line lamps. The daily papers of that  
city say so. Perish the thought."

The ninth annual conference of the  
German Methodists of the west was  
held at Enterprise, Kansas. The con-  
ference was well attended. The prin-  
ciple topic of interest was the location  
of a college at some place embraced in  
the territory. Enterprise and Salina  
each hope to secure the college and  
have offered liberal donations.

Backward, turn backward, O, time in  
thy flight, rake up a suicide just for the  
night; I am weary of news that is stale,  
writing up drunkards and vagrants in  
jail, writing up people that buy up some  
ground, writing old chestnuts of cattle  
in pound, weary of chasing till worn  
are my shoes, rake up some news, moth-  
er, rake up some news. Backward,  
turn backward, O, tide of the years,  
take me again to the time when the  
beers, frothing and foaming were  
drank by the pail, and people  
got drunk and were run in-  
to jail. Let's have a murder or  
shooting or worse, let's have a scandal  
or thrilling divorce; to work on a paper  
would give you the blues, rake up the  
news, mother, rake up the news.—Walt  
Mason.

The season is now at hand when our  
streams are liable to be swollen by reas-  
on of heavy rains and in view of the  
fact that several teams have been  
drowned during the past year, we  
would call attention of the road over-  
seer to page 118, sec. 41, of the laws of  
Kansas, which reads:

"Be it enacted by the legislature of  
Kansas, that each road overseer within  
his district shall erect and keep up  
at the expense of the town-  
ship, posts or boards at the  
fords of every river or creek that in  
high water times becomes impassible,  
which posts shall be located at or near  
low water mark, on which shall be in-  
scribed in legible letters of plain figures  
the depth of water at low water, togeth-  
er with the scale of feet above low wa-  
ter mark to the height which said  
streams are known to have risen."

We also remind road overseers that  
it is their duty as prescribed by law to  
remove or cut down once a year, all  
cockle burs, sand burs, burdock, thistles  
and sunflowers which may be in the  
roads and that are injurious to the in-  
terests of farmers.

We were forcibly reminded of this  
dereliction of duty on the part of road  
overseers a few days ago in driving  
west from Lincoln. The sunflowers are  
as thick as grass in the roads and as  
large as pines on the Pennsylvania  
mountains.—Lincoln Democrat.

"We," is used by monarchs, editors  
and people who have tape worms.—  
Newton Republican.

We commend the "tape worm"  
part of the above to the learned gen-  
tleman of the Wichita Journal, who  
yells, "Rats!" when a contemporary  
quotes an old thing without credit,  
forgetful that literature is full of un-  
credited old things upon which the  
patent has expired years ago.—  
Hutchinson News.

## EXCHANGE GLEANINGS.

Kansas has a rich soil and royal  
climate, but it is her brave, intelli-  
gent men and noble women that have  
made her the grand state she is.

Kansas lies in the heart of the  
United States, but no Kansan can lie  
about Kansas. The solid truth is too  
big a mountain for a man to climb  
over.

This is the festive season of the  
country fair, when the big pumpkin  
vies with the pretty country girl for  
the attention of the crowd, and gets  
left every time, world without end.

The Parsons Sun says one man in  
the vicinity of Parsons has sixty acres  
of corn that will yield 100 bushels to  
the acre. One year ago the quarter  
section, of which this is a part, was  
sold for \$1,000.

Wichita has a Chinese woman, the  
wife of one of the leading Chinamen  
there. The Beacon says she is very  
often beaten and abused by her coun-  
trymen. She is thought to be the  
only Chinawoman in Kansas.

A new farm is so easily made in  
Kansas, and the work may be so  
quickly done, that an eastern farmer  
may dispose of his things there in  
January, come to Kansas in Febru-  
ary, and in March have a large field  
broken for garden and field crops.  
With a little energy and pluck, he  
may not lose a single crop.

The manager of a Western Kansas  
newspaper sent out the following no-  
tice on a postal card: The real estate  
boom has robbed us of our editor, a  
printer and office boy, and the man-  
ager having opened a real estate of-  
fice, it becomes necessary to suspend  
the publication of this journal until  
all hands have become millionaires,  
which, of course, will be in the near  
future; until then, fraternally yours.

England is a great power. On the  
wide stretch of her mighty empire  
the sun never goes down, and her  
flags wave over all the waters of the  
globe. England has her Nelson and  
her Wellington. But let there be no  
mistake. This is the England of the  
past. Yesterday England evicted a  
bed-ridden woman in Ireland. This  
is the England of the present.  
"Look upon that picture and then  
upon this."

## KANSAS CROPS.

Official Report of the State Board of Agri-  
culture For August.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 11.—William Sims,  
secretary of the State Board of Agricul-  
ture, has made the following official state-  
ment of the condition of crops in Kansas  
for the month ended August 31:

Wheat, winter and spring—We note no  
changes since the date of our last report,  
one month ago. The probable product is  
7,740,575 bushels, which, with the old wheat  
on hand, will about meet the requirements  
of the State for seed and bread.  
Corn—In view of the very general demand  
for definite information relating to this crop  
the board has for the purposes of this re-  
port extended its inquiries much beyond its  
list of regular correspondents, and after a  
careful compilation and thorough analysis  
of the information received from all sources  
find the area planted to be 6,533,408  
acres, or eleven per cent. in excess of  
any former year. Of this 2,539,332 acres  
or forty per cent, while valuable for fodder  
will not be worth husking, leaving 4,000-  
076 acres from which a product may be ex-  
pected. This acreage, we estimate, will  
yield 82,557,258 bushels or forty-nine per  
cent of the average annual product for  
five years, which, together with the old  
corn now on hand (which we estimate at  
12,000,000 bushels), will, we think, when  
properly distributed, about meet the re-  
quirements of the State. The counties of  
Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Brown, Butler,  
Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cowley, Crawford,  
Doniphan, Ellis, Greenwood, Kingman, La-  
bette, Linn, Montgomery, Neosho, Nemaha,  
Republic, Sedgwick, Wilson and Woodson  
—will have a surplus. The counties of  
Atchison, Chase, Coffey, Harper, Harvey,  
Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Johnson, Lin-  
coln, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Miami,  
Norton, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt,  
Rawlins, Reno, Rice, Smith, Stafford and  
Washington—24—will have enough to meet  
local requirements, while the remaining  
counties, with possibly a few exceptions,  
will to a greater or less extent be purchas-  
ers of this cereal.

Oats—The area seeded to this crop is  
found to be much in excess of any former  
year, and while the yield per acre will fall  
considerably below the average, the gross  
product will not be less than 4,200,000  
bushels, or about 1,000,000 bushels in excess  
of the crop of 1886, which was the largest  
heretofore reported.

Potatoes—The season has been unfavor-  
able for the crop and a light yield may be ex-  
pected.  
Broom Corn—Area planted, 7,033 acres;  
estimated product, 28,129,300 pounds of  
brush, against 38,630,500 last year.

Flax—Acreage largely in excess of last  
year; probable product, 900,000 bushels, or  
about the same as for 1886.  
Millet and Hungarian grass—Acreage  
about the same as last year and will fur-  
nish about 1,100,000 tons of good feed  
grasses. The yield per acre has been light,  
but an abundance of hay has and will be se-  
cured. Pastures are now generally good  
throughout the State and live stock is in  
fine condition.